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GOAL HONOR ROLL

Forty-nine churches are now on the honor roll list as having adopted and reported goals of benevolence giving for 1935. While this is less than half the number of the churches of our Conference, it is far more than have ever before reported in any year. There are still several churches that have been in the habit of adopting goals and have not yet done so for this year. It is hoped that they will take early action. The churches thus far on the list are: Adin, Alameda, Angels Camp, Auburn, Benicia, Berkeley: Chinese, First, North, Park; Campbell, Cotati, Crockett, Eureka, Ferndale; Fresno: Pilgrim and Japanese; Hayfork, Loomis, Martinez, Murphys; Oakland: First, Pilgrim, Plymouth; Oroville, Palo Alto, Petaluma, Reedley Finnish, Ripon, Salida, San Carlos, San Francisco: Bethany-Mission Park, Calvary Armenian, Ocean View, Richmond; San Jose, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, Saratoga, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Soquel, Stockton, Suisun, Tulare, Weaverville, Antioch, Hayward, and Sacramento.

There are two important reasons for voting and reporting these goals: first, it permits the Conference and the national boards to plan their budgets. The Conference fiscal year will begin April 1 and the finance committee needs to know how much the individual churches are definitely trying to raise, in order to plan the budget. The other reason is still more important! When a church adopts a goal, it is more likely to make a special effort if necessary to reach the total. It is very easy to let such matters slip if there are no definite commitments.

"Asilomar Light"

"Asilomar Light" has come to light! A new four-page publication devoted to Asilomar and our Conference young people's work has just made its appearance. It is to be published monthly by Cacoypa, and edited by Louis Neumann, assisted by Rev. Gail Cleland, Lawton D. Harris, and Mrs. John Gregg. The big news which ASILOMAR LIGHT contains is that Rev. Gail Cleland, who has served on the faculty or as chaplain for several years, is to be the director of the 1935 conference. Louis Neumann, past president of Cacoypa, will be the director of promotion. Two members of the faculty have already been recruited, namely, Rev. Hugh V. White of Boston, and Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento. One of the chief problems in connection with attendance at the summer conference is to find the necessary money for expenses. Three prizes have been offered of $5, $3, and $2 for the best ideas as to how money can be raised by churches and young people's organizations to send delegates, the prize money to go toward this purpose. The dates for the Conference will be July 27-August 3.

The motive of missions today is the permeation of the life of the world in all its areas with the spirit of Jesus that we may share with others what we have learned from him about God and our fellowmen.—Ruth Seabury.

WE DARE NOT WAIT LONGER

(From remarks made by Superintendent Harley H. Gill to the Congregational Ministers' Luncheon at the Pastoral Conference)

Little progress has been made in growth of membership by our Conference churches since the depression set in; 1933 and 1934 showed a slight decline. Our ministers and lay people testify to the extraordinary difficulty of enlisting new people. "We cannot afford to join the church now!" "We are here only temporarily!" "Our plans are too uncertain!" These are some of the reasons which are given.

However plausible and understandable such excuses may be, as Christians we must not accept them as final. We dare not be content to let the matter rest at that point. To do this is to admit defeat.

Our pulpits ring out with the message that the solution to problems of the world is in Jesus. We have been saying that if ever people needed the Church, they need it now! We have declared that the Church is the one thing that men and women cannot afford to do without. But we have not said these things convincingly enough. One wonders if we have dared to believe them ourselves. If they are true, there must be a way of putting them so as to overcome the hesitancy in joining the Church. God has a right to expect that we shall present His gospel with such power that men will want it above everything else.

Since the depression struck, we have had time enough to recover somewhat from the shock, to re-orient ourselves, and to re-shape our message. We dare no longer excuse ourselves because of the difficulty of enlisting people in these times

It is entirely thinkable that financial conditions will not improve. There is less faith in the up-swing of an economic cycle than there was some time ago. Under such circumstances it will not be any easier to win the allegiance of folks to Jesus Christ during the next few years than in the past. Are we willing to admit that we cannot present the gospel with persuasion at the time and under the conditions when the need of men is greatest? That would be defeat indeed!

But there is a more serious alternative. Suppose that good times should return, and money were again to flow freely. And suppose that under those more favorable conditions our work should begin to prosper and we should be able to rouse an interest in the Church on the part of those now hesitating. That would be a defeat amounting to disaster. The Church would then be irretrievably stamped as belonging to the marginal interests of life, a luxury to be afforded when one had money, but to be gotten along without when times were hard. It would take its place along with a social club, a pleasant vacation, or a new wardrobe. Christianity would be just a pastime, or an adornment, hopelessly removed from the center and soul of human character and motives. May God deliver us from the body of this death!

Let it again be urged, we dare not wait longer. It is forward march, or it is defeat. My sturdy old grandfather -preacher used to say, "The Christian life is like a boat going up stream. You are either pulling at the oars or you are drifting downward." The best answer to defeat is victory. We have churches in our Conference which have made steady progress through these hard years. That gives us courage to believe that advance is still possible. The Lenten Season is here. Let us dare to believe that though there be giants in the land, we are able to overcome because there is One who worketh with us and that even in our day there is in Christ that which draws men unto Himself.

Youth and Social Action

Pastors and church officers will recall the request made by the Council for Social Action, that each church name a local Committee on Social Relations or a Church Council on Social Action. The suggestion now comes from the Conference Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work that at least one member should be included by the church from among the young people.

PACIFIC SLOPE CONGRESS

The Pacific Slope Congress of Congregational Churches will be held at First Church, Tacoma, Washington, during the last week in June. Plans are under way to secure the best possible talent. Many California ministers and lay people will undoubtedly arrange to combine attendance at the Congress with a very enjoyable vacation in the beautiful Puget Sound and District of Columbia Region.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

The following figures regarding automobile accidents in which the element of liquor was involved are furnished by the East Bay Safety Council of Oakland, Cailfornia:

Year	Injured	Percent Increase over 1930	Killed	Percent increase over 1930
1930	115		3	
1931	150	30	7	133
1932	127	10	11	266
1933	176	55	14	366
1934	332	180	21	600

January, 1935: 23 accidents, an increase of 5 over January, 1934.

Twenty-six percent of these accidents were on Sunday, 44 percent between the hours of 10 p. m. and 4 a. m.

Only 18 of 421 drivers involved were under 21 years of age. Eighteen per cent were between the ages of 20 and 25; eleven per cent were 26 to 29; fifteen per cent 30 to 35; nine per cent 35 to 40; and eleven per cent 40 to 45.

Oakland was below the national average for 1934 with seventeen percent of the automobile accidents and injuries due to alcohol-using drivers, and twenty-four percent of the traffic deaths.

Association Dates

Tentative plans for the spring meetings of the district Associations have been made. Special speakers are being provided by the national boards. Dr. Alma Locke Cooke, physician from Lintsing, China, who grew up in a California parsonage, will tell of the very interesting work which she is doing. George N. White, Alumni Secretary of the A. M. A., one of the ablest negro speakers in our fellowship, will represent the Home Boards. Mrs. Frank J. Greene, President of the Federation of Congregational Women, and Superintendent Gill, will complete the team.

The dates suggested to the officers of the Associations, together with the places of meeting, are as follows:

San Joaquin Association, First Church, Fresno, Friday, April 26.

Central Association, First Church, Stockton, Tuesday, April 30.

Sacramento Valley Association, at Loomis, Wednesday and Thursday, May 1 and 2.

Upper Bay Association, Rio Vista, Friday, May 3.

Bay Association, at New Pilgrim Church, Oakland, Tuesday, May 7.

Santa Clara Association, Pacific Grove, Wednesday, May 8.

Redwood Empire Association, Cotati, Friday, May 10.

The Modoc Association is always held in early autumn. The Pacific has not yet been advised of the dates of the German Conference.

Evangelistic Plans for 1935

The Conference Committee on Evangelism, consisting of Rev. Tom Watt, Rev. R. C. Waddell, Rev. C. C. Champlin, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. J. J. Raugust, Rev. E. W. Benedict and Rev. J. H. Bennett, has outlined its plan for the year. The Committee endorsed the suggestion made by Superintendent Gill that he devote as much of his time as possible during Lent to assist churches in setting up campaigns of personal evangelism.

The Committee has also sent out a letter to all pastors asking these three things:

1. To inform the Committee, through the Conference office, of plans in evangelism followed in 1934, and their results.
2. The formation and sending in of plans for 1935.
3. The sending to the Committee, in care of the Conference, the results of those plans by the first of September.

It is the purpose of the Committee to gather up out of these communications, ideas which will be of help to other churches, and to include them in the report to the annual meeting of the Conference. Rev. Tom Watt is the chairman of the committee and Rev. J. H. Bennett is the secretary.

The first edition of the booklet, "Adult Learning in the Church," by Frederick L. Fagley, has been exhausted. A new revised edition is now available. Some of the courses outlined are valuable for Lenten use. The reading courses make an admirable addition to the church book table or lending library on religion. Where there is a town library it is sometimes possible to have a special shelf set aside for religious books.

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Alma Locke Cooke

"I do wish people here at home could realize how much progress is going on in China today in spite of the reports from the troubled areas," says our own Dr. Alma Locke Cooke of Lintsing, North China. "Within six years under an able government great things have happened in my Province of Shantung. Governor Han Fu Chu has wiped out banditry and the opium traffic. He sent in General Chao Jen Chuan to do this job—and he did it! To be sure, it took drastic treatment; but with 8 persons executed in a clean-up, there was not a Christian among them, according to the report of the Magistrate. It has been quieter and more orderly the last four years than all the ten previous.

"In the opium clean-up both sellers and users were punished. As for banditry, well, in the last analysis this is the result of an ecnoomic situation. Men make a living by it when other means fail. Then they often become bandits through the use of opium. They need money so badly to buy the drug that they get it by force if necessary."

Of excitement, drama, and "romance"—if you can call standing day and night over an operating table "romantic"—Dr. Cooke has had her fill during the 14 years she has been in China. Single handed she cared for wounded soldiers and bandits impartially when for months she was the only foreign doctor at Lintsing. So when speaking of bandits and unsettled times Dr. Cooke knows what she is talking about.

But it is not for these unusual exploits during times of stress and crisis when bandits' heads hang from the city walls, that the people of Lintsing love Alma Cooke, but for her steady devotion day in and day out to the hospital and community. She is their friend. They trust her and know that she is tied to them with bonds of genuine affection. Lintsing Hospital is the only medical unit serving approximately two million persons. There are now two Chinese doctors on the staff, Dr. Thomas Wen Lin Tuane, who trained at Mukden Medical School in Manchuria and Dr. Lu Chin who trained at Cheeloo University.

At present there is no American doctor or nurse on the staff. Last year the hospital took care of 883 in-patients and some 12,520 out-patients. When the hospital finally secured a badly needed X-ray machine they had no place to house it. It is interesting as well as significant that the County Magistrate came to the rescue by donating the timbers and roof on an old temple, the temple to the god of War!

Far outside the high gray walls of the city the American woman doctor's name is known. Native ambulances drawn by bullock bring in the patients from miles away. When in 1930 Dr. Cooke herself fell seriously ill, local Chinese Christians held daily prayer services for her recovery.

When word came that because of lack of funds from America, Lintsing Hospital must close, the citizens unrolled yards of red tape, and secured permission to raise money from county budgets to support the hospital, a most unusual procedure. When Dr. Cooke left on furlough, she was given a farewell reception at which was present the County Magistrate, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, a repsentative of the Military, the Kuomintang (People's Political Party) and other leading civic groups.

Dr. Cooke is to be one of the two special speakers at the spring meeting of the Associations. Immediately following that she will sail again for China.

ARE WE BETTER THAN OUR FATHERS?

The text for this theme is found in a recent six-page folder from the Commission on Missions, entitled "George Washington Bridge." In this folder is the following table showing the denomination's per capita giving to benevolences in decade years for a half century:—

Year	Total Members	Total Benevolences	Giving per capita
1883	566,209	$2,638,619	$6.65
1893	561,631	2,402,679	4.27
1903	660,400	2,088,967	3.16
1923	861,168	5,366,181	6.23
1933	1,036,571	2,198,770	2.12

Fifty years ago our forebears, about one-third as many as our number today, gave almost half a million dollars more for benevolences than we did in 1933.

Ten years ago the per capita giving was $6.23, compared to $2.12 in 1933.

Verily, we are not better than our fathers! Yea, nor as good! When Elijah discovered a similar fact concerning himself and his day, he sought to pass out of the picture. But God revealed certain resources to him of which he had been unaware, in others and in himself, and sent him back to the task from which he was willing to resign.

In a quite similar way, God may be calling the Church and its prophets to the discovery and consecration of new resources and power just now. Our Church should ask a very heart-searching question of itself. If, in 1934, there was a decided "up-turn," a beginning of better conditions in the economic, industrial world; a measure of better comfort and larger security for men and women all over the country—Why did the benevolence income of the denomination still decline 8.5 per cent in 1934?—Ohio News Herald.

Rev. Edward A. Berry

Rev. Edward A. Berry, who at one time was pastor in Loleta, Hydesville, and Alton, passed away at his home in Glendale a few weeks ago, at the age of 87.

Mr. Berry was born in Ontario and educated at Victoria University. At different times he was in educational work but continued his preaching activities. He was in active service with churches and schools for more than 50 years. Important churches were held in Toledo, Ohio; Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was a brother of Bishop Joseph Berry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife survives him. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Carl S. Patton.

WITHOUT DEFICIT?

Below are listed the churches that have made remittances since the beginning of the new year. For purposes of comparison the gifts from the same churches in 1934 are shown. The increase over last year on first sight is exceedingly encouraging, but on a closer examination nearly the entire difference is accounted for by the fact that First, Berkeley, and First, Oakland, were more prompt in their remittances this year. This fact will not indicate an improvement through the year, because these churches are definitely pledged to specific amounts each month and always make good.

Attention is called to the fact that the Conference closes its fiscal year on March 31st, and would appreciate having the churches make remittances of all money before that date. It is our profound hope that the fiscal year may be closed without a deficit.

	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28 '34	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28 '35
Alturas		7.10
Benicia	5.00	1.00
Berkeley		
First	645.00	1083.32
Cloverdale	3.60	4.55
Cotati	9.50	20.00
Eureka		35.00
Fairfax		15.00
Hayward		12.50
Kenwood		9.35
Likely	1.32	5.00
Loomis		11.35
Martinez		12.66
Murphys	40.00	40.00
Niles		22.20
Oakland		
First	4.25	474.16
Plymouth	65.00	60.00
Oroville	40.00	45.00
Pacific Grove	56.90	22.00
Palo Alto	110.00	50.00
Paradise		36.19
Petaluma	31.05	80.59
Ripon	12.50	5.00
San Carlos	5.00	5.00
San Francisco		
Beth. Mis. Pk.	3.00	15.00
First	121.86	197.47
San Jose	50.00	85.00
San Leandro	19.40	9.97
Santa Rosa	9.75	12.00
Sebastopol	13.52	9.01
Stockton	65.21	51.35
Reno, Nev.		19.12
Misc.	100.00	101.00
Total	$1411.86	$2556.89

Your Order May Help

Attention of pastors and Sunday School superintendents is called to the fact that the Pacific Book Service in our own Conference office is able to furnish the standard lesson helps published by the Pilgrim Press. An ample stock of Closely Graded material is carried in the office ready for mailing at a moment's notice. The dated materials can be ordered through the office. Churches that co-operate by sending their orders to Pacific Book Service will be making a financial contribution to the Conference, for the small profit helps to carry office expense.

Show me a place on this planet ten miles square where a man may live in decency, comfort, and security, supporting and educating his children, a place where age is reverenced, infancy respected, womanhood honored, and human life held in due regard,—and I will show you a place where the Gospel has gone before and laid the foundation.—James Russell Lowell

EDUCATION SOCIETY OFFERS SERVICES

The Department of Missionary Education and World Friendship of the Congregational Education Society will hereafter be known as the Department of World Fellowship, headed up by Dr. John L. Lobingier. Among the services available from this Department are the following:

1. **The bulletin.** WORLD FRIENDSHIP. This is published three times a year and contains brief descriptions of significant activities in this general field, occasional reading lists, news items, and general suggestions for the program of world fellowship. It is sent to all World Service Correspondents and to others (without charge) who ask to have their names placed on the mailing list.

2. **Travel Libraries.** A Travel Library includes ten interesting books for various age groups in the field of world fellowship. These are packed in a fibre case suitable for mailing. A library may be borrowed for a month with no expense except transportation one way, to the next church. For convenience many of these libraries are located in the various State offices.

3. **Suggestions for church committees on missionary education.** On request, a manual, "Missionary Education in the Local Church" will be sent and also an outline of suggested activities.

4. A pamphlet and helps on **the World Friendship Institute**.

5. **World Service Materials.** These are prepared for three levels,—young people, juniors, and primary children. Enrolled schools receive these without charge.

6. Helps on **missionary topics** of young people's groups made available through the pages of the PILGRIM HIGHROAD.

7. **Program booklets for adult groups,** each containing four programs.

8. **HERE AND THERE STORIES.** For boys and girls, on subjects related to world friendship in this and other countries. Five cents a copy; twenty-five for 50 cents; two hundred for $2.00.

E. T. Leiter

Calvary Church and our entire fellowship have lost a loyal friend in the passing of Mr. E. T. Leiter of Oakland. He was a true Christian, and an outstanding lay leader. He served as a Conference and Bay Association Director, and more than once loaned his personal credit for some new church project. He died February 8th, following a brief illness. He leaves a large family and a long list of friends, who mourn his passing but rejoice in his life. Mr. Cyril M. Hicks, pastor of Calvary Church, and Dr. H. F. Swartz, conducted the funeral service.

Alcohol and Gasoline

According to Captain Charles Goff of the San Francisco Traffic Department, personal accidents during the month of January were 311, which was an increase of 50 per cent over the same month a year ago. Drinking drivers involved personally in accidents increased 80 per cent during January over the same month in 1934, and drinking pedestrians injured on the street increased 70 per cent. One cannot avoid the conclusion that while Prohibition repeal was fostered to support the Federal purse, it is now supporting the purse of the brewer and distiller at the expense of society.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

FAIRFAX. Rev. James W. Price, pastor of this church, has resigned after two and a half years of work. His resignation comes because of the ill health of Mrs. Price, her condition requiring the presence of someone with her at all times. The Prices plan to make their home at Santa Monica with a daughter.

Coincident with the laying down of this pastorate, Mr. Price will have completed forty-seven years of active work in the ministry. A portion of this time was in The Salvation Army and with the Methodist denomination, but for twenty-two years he has been in the active fellowship of the Congregational denomination.

The resignation was accepted by the church very reluctantly. Many inducements were offered to bring about a reconsideration, but conditions make it impossible to change the decision. Although serving in our Conference only four and a half years, Mr. and Mrs. Price will carry with them the high regard and best wishes of many friends.

TULARE. Following extensive repairs made on the parsonage, and the settling of the new pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, a ceremony of "hearth warming" was held. The occasion was enjoyed by a large number of friends. Following a service of consecration, there were appropriate readings and songs, and the placing on the fire of articles expressing wishes for the home. In addition to the improvements in the parsonage, a new garage and storeroom have been built.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. A community men's organization has been formed and officers elected. The Boy Scout program was given one of the three special awards at the recent Merit Badge Exhibition for display of basketry and weaving. Finances may permit the reduction in missionary aid for the coming year. Mr. John H. Gregg, Director.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. In spite of hard times, real progress has been made by this church financially. The deficit has been reduced by $300 since the first of last July. Thirteen young people were welcomed as new members in the Mission Fellowship of Youth. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, the pastor, is the counsellor of the West Bay Cacoypa.

SANTA ROSA. The Sunday evening forum is being continued through the winter, with a number of very outstanding speakers, among them Dr. John J. Banninga of India; Allen C. Blaisdell of International House; Judge Rolfe T. Thompson of Sacramento; Rabbi Max Merritt, Berkeley; and Mrs. Vachel Lindsay of Mills College.

BIG VALLEY. The new building at Nubieber has been completed and was occupied for the first time for Sunday School and Church services on March 3rd, much to the joy of the pastor, Rev. A. W. Monosmith, and the faithfull people who have worked so hard for its accomplishment.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. This church is actively co-operating with the Coordinating Council for Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency in Oakland. Rev. Horton Colbert, the pastor, was one of the speakers at the Y. W. C. A. Conference at Mills College.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland has introduced a Fireside Service for Sunday evenings. Instead of preaching a sermon in the traditional form, the pastor visits in a home, or an office, or a school room, which is portrayed on the platform. In the course of the conversation, the spiritual message which would normally be included in a sermon is put across. The interest has been intense and the result all that could be desired. This was the first church to respond to the plan offered by Superintendent Gill of setting up a campaign of personal evangelism. At a meeting of the deacons and deaconesses, methods were discussed, and a unanimous decision was made to assist the pastor in reaching a large number of prospective members before Easter.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Guest Sunday, which was announced in last month's Pacific, was a great success. During Lent, the pastor, Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, will use as a general theme for his sermons "Meeting the Master at the Crossroads." Among the subjects to be discussed are "The Lad at the Crossroads," "The House by the Side of the Road," "The Forking of the Highway," and "The New Signpost at the Crossroads." The sixth annual Daffodil Tea was held on February 14th, the daffodils being presented by Mrs. L. E. Cragin of Santa Rosa.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Four addresses on Germany are being given by Rev. E. E. Turner, for four years the minister of the American Church in Berlin. Dr. Turner is speaking in colleges and universities throughout the country, and will be in a number of churches in the Bay area during the early part of March. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, is continuing his series of lectures on great books on Wednesday nights.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The young people's work of the Angels Camp and Murphys churches received a splendid impetus through a series of basketball games between the boys of the groups, and joint fellowship meetings. Rev. Glenn H. Corbin, the pastor, is happy in anticipation of a visit from Dr. J. J. Banninga, who will tell of his interesting work in India.

SOQUEL. The Tri-County Ministerial Association was entertained, with 80 persons present. Two new members have been received into fellowship since the annual meeting. New curtains have greatly improved the church auditorium. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, the pastor, is now looking forward to other repairs which the building greatly needs.

PITTSBURG. A men's prayer meeting is now held on Tuesday night in the pastor's study. For a number of years the custom has prevailed of the deacons and certain other men coming to the study of the pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin, for a moment of prayer before the Sunday morning service.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The choir of this church, which is recognized as one of the finest in the city, has carefully prepared Joseph Haydn's great oratorio "Creation," and presented it to the church on Sunday evening, March 3rd. Ten new members were received into the church on a recent Sunday.

PETALUMA. Dr. D. Brewer Eddy was the guest speaker at a well-attended men's luncheon on February 1st. A small vestibule has been converted into an attractive study or committee room, with floor covering, library table, chairs, heater, floor lamp, and davenport, furnished by the women's service club. Miss Catherine Denman was in charge of a Japanese program for the club recently, with two Japanese young women as guests, one of them in costume, singing, and the other speaking on Japanese customs. Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, the pastor, is planning a program of personal evangelism for Lent.

LOOMIS. The pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken, and the Sunday school teachers of the church, by calls and letters contacted every child in the community who was not identified with a church. Practically every one not attending elsewhere has been enlisted. The result is an increase of about 45 in attendance. The next step is to secure the interest of the parents. Mothers are being brought together and the purpose of the school explained.

In last month's Pacific there was an error. The 26 members had been added to the membership of the Woman's Club.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Scout movement, a beautiful American flag was presented to Plymouth Church by the troops of Boy Scouts meeting there. At a community meeting sponsored by the Piedmont Avenue merchants and property owners, the annual award for distinguished citizenship was given to Alfred Peterson, member of this church and leader of Plymouth Scout Troops. Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, was chosen to present the cup.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE. Once a month the young people of the church take entire charge of the service of worship, importing a speaker to use the English language. A Sunday morning breakfast club, made up of the young people of the Chinese churches of all denominations, is promoting a fine spirit of fellowship, and contributes vitally to the Christian work in Chinatown.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. At a Sunday School birthday dinner party held in January, 218 people were present enjoying a very exceptional program. The tenth anniversary of the men's club has been celebrated. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

BENICIA. Thirty men have promised to support the church by attendance once a month, and a contribution of at least fifty cents when they attend. The result has been an increase in church attendance by one-third. Rev. Ernest W. Houlding is the pastor.

LOCKEFORD. During the past year the Sunday School learned the books of the Bible in song. Memory work has been encouraged, and not a few children have their names on the Honor Roll for doing it all.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. At the observance of Lincoln's birthday Judge Lincoln S. Church was the principal speaker. Members of the G. A. R. and W. R. E. attended. Rev. J. B. Orr is the pastor.

OROVILLE. This church is greatly benefited by the presence of Mrs. E. M. Whiting of Iowa, who has been visiting her brother during the winter. Mrs. Whiting has been a leader in the women's work of the State Conference of Iowa for many years. Miss Ethel Hubler of Los Angeles, President Tully Knoles of Stockton, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill, have been pulpit speakers during the month of February. Rev. Elmer G. Brinkmeyer, the pastor, will hold services each Wednesday night during Lent, the theme for each meeting being one of the Seven Words from the Cross. An annual program was given by a circle of younger women, in the form of a wedding gown revue, with fourteen gowns displayed, and wedding decorations in the assembly room.

SACRAMENTO. On the return of Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, from the Mid-Winter Meeting in Evanston, the church gave a very beautiful reception in his honor and that of Mrs. Wilson. The occasion marked the fifth anniversary of the pastorate, and was an outpouring of good feeling and affection, and a sincere expression of appreciation for the high service which has been rendered.

SAN CARLOS. The members of the Masonic order attended worship on February 14th, the pastor, Rev. R. B. Cherington, preaching on the New Patriotism, and making a plea for loyalty to our Administration during these trying times.

What's this? Rumor has it that a great three-cornered contest is about to begin, a contest in church attendance in which the participants will be Alameda, Lodi, and Redwood City. It ought to be exciting. Who will furnish the details to the Pacific for the next issue?

The Santa Rosa Church has two motion picture machines, and would be glad to dispose of one to another church at a nominal price. The machine is a Standard Acme, 35 m. m., with stereopticon attachments. It uses a 1,000 watt lamp, and operates on 110 volts. It is equipped for showing still pictures, and is in good condition. The machine cost, when new, about $400. Anyone interested may write to Rev. Westwood Wallace, First Congregational Church, Santa Rosa.

WE THANK YOU!

Rev. Alfred W. Hare, known to many old-timers in the Northern California Conference, who is now pastor of Park Church in Los Angeles, writes that his church recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its organization and the twelfth anniversary of the beginning of Mr. Hare's second pastorate. His two pastorates in that church now cover almost fifteen years. Incidently, a renewal subscription to the Pacific was enclosed, with the cheering word that this subscriber looks with eagerness for the coming of each copy.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation is held the third Thursday of every month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise announced.

NEW WORK PLANS

At the first regular meeting of the year, the President, Mrs. F. J. Greene, introduced several new officers and secretaries who, through their reports and presentation of plans for the year's work, became known to many of us for the first time. All have done notable work in their local societies. Their rich gifts of heart and mind, added to the able and devoted service of those who have served the Federation before, give promise of a valuable year for the Federation.

Inspiring talks were given by three Associational Presidents. Mrs. L. H. Richards, of the Bay Association, spoke on the value of organization—"Every woman in every church united into one organization," and the need that every woman be made to realize that she has something to contribute. Mrs. G. E. Atkinson, of the Redwood Empire Association, emphasized the value of prayer in the life of the societies. Mrs. G. E. Brown, of the Santa Clara Association, spoke of the place and significance of worship in the societies, showing that it should provide the setting for the whole program to follow and so tune our hearts to the theme.

Mrs. L. M. Drury, the new Thank Offering Secretary, reminded us that the thank offering boxes were designed for gifts which represent gratitude for the small, even daily, blessings of life as well as for special and unexpected joys that come. Too many of us wait until time for the boxes to be gathered to make our gifts. He was a jolly, happy boy who, thrilled by a certain event, said to his mother, "Mother, doesn't that make your heart sing?" The singing heart is the grateful, joyous heart, whose outflowing melodies may reach even to the ends of the earth.

Motives for Missions

In bringing a report of the spiritual message of the Mid-Winter Conference, Superintendent Gill gave a brief summary of the key-note address delivered by Rev. J. T. Stocking, D. D., National Moderator.

Dr. Stocking asserted that the motives for missionary work have not changed at all, but have grown to include social relations. These motives may be summed up as follows:

1. Concern for the welfare of others. That is why missionary-minded people were so tremendously moved—that they might save people from hell. There is real cause for that zeal today. There is the hell of hunger, of ignorance, of suffering, of selfishness, of unemployment, of insecurity, of race prejudices. We need only to see what is going on in our cities and on the farms, as well as overseas, to discover many hells. Surely we have not lost the desire to rescue people from them.

2. Zeal for the Christian Religion. We have seen enough of the effect of irreligion,—cynicism, animalism, futility, paganism. We have seen the swing to intemperance, the war spirit, gambling, exploitation, the consecration of power, and narrow isolationalism. We had better be interested in promoting religion, if we have any hope for civilization.

3. Belief in the unique worth of Christianity. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world," not, "a light in the world." We should be willing to learn from other peoples and recognize the worth of other faiths, but we need not be backward in proclaiming what Ghandi and other non-Christians are saying,—that Christ is the solution of the world's problems.

4. A sense of personal responsibility. Horace Mann once said to a graduating class at Antioch College, "You ought to be ashamed to die unless you have achieved some victory for humanity." We should remember that our God is not one who does much for us and requires little from us. We should be glad that He expects high service. We should be if our hearts were sensitized by the spirit of Christ, whose whole mission was in doing good.

In closing, Superintendent Gill summed it up this way: Human need was never greater. God's power was never stronger. The question is, are we willing to be used of Him to lift the world's burden?

Speakers Available

The chairman of the Speakers' Bureau, Mrs. F. D. Norton, 2005 Vine Street, Berkeley, has prepared this list of speakers available for appointments during the spring months. She will be glad to give further information upon request.

"What is Being Done for Congregational Students at the University of California"—Rev. R. R. Morgan, care of First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

"The Motion Picture Situation"—Dean Claude A. Sohull, 220 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco.

"The Fourth R in Education"—Dean Claude A. Shull.

"Santee Institute"—Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Riggs, 1421 Allman St., Oakland.

"Alameda County Public Welfare League"—Mrs. Helen Artieda, Thayer Bldg., Oakland.

"Travelers' Aid" — Miss Taylor, Ferry Building, San Francisco; or Miss Cranston, 16th St. Depot, Oakland.

"Peace"—Mrs. J. M. Adams, 1321 Bay View Place, Berkeley.

"New Negro Poetry"—Mrs. J. M. Adams, Berkeley.

"Youth and Unemployment" — Dr. Virgil E. Dickson, Asst. Supt. of Public Schools, Berkeley.

"San Francisco County Social Welfare"—Miss Schenck, 105 Health Center Bldg., San Francisco.

"Education on the Effect of the Use of Alcohol."—Miss May H. Young, 2061 Central Ave., Alameda.

During March, Dr. Alma L. Cooke, of Lintsing, China, and during April, Miss Frances Clapp of The Doshisha, Japan, will be in the Bay District.

The Hip Wo School has again reached new heights of enrollment and attendance. The enrollment is more than 360 and the attendance only a little less. It has been necessary to divide the primary class, having one section from 4 to 6 and the other from 6 to 8 in order to accommodate the number of children who desire to attend.

Mrs. Mary D. White

Mrs. Mary Darling White, Associate Secretary of the American Missionary Association and the Church Extension Boards, is to be in our vicinity from the evening of March 25 through April 2.

"It is said that Calvin Coolidge had occupied every political position from precinct leader in Northampton to the Presidency. So far as church work is concerned, Mrs. White has done about as well."

She began her church activities in the Poughkeepsie, New York, Church. In 1919 she moved to Syracuse and in 1921 she was elected the president of the New York Women's Home Missionary Union.

With the organization of the Society of Congregational Women of the State of New York, Mrs. White became the field secretary. In 1932 her sphere of usefulness expanded to the nation as a whole, when she was elected the joint Associational secretary of the A. M. A., and the Church Extension Boards. In this capacity she has had charge of hand work and parsonage boxes.

Mrs. White is a graduate of Smith College, and the mother of two sons and a daughter. She has travelled extensively; her sympathies are broad; her experiences are wide; and she is thoroughly delightful in her story telling.

Mrs. White is to fill the following speaking dates, and others not yet assigned:

March 26, Tuesday: Meeting of the women of the Redwood Empire Association at Sonoma.

March 27, Wednesday: Niles.

March 27, Wednesday evening: San Francisco, First Church.

March 28, Thursday: Luncheon and afternoon meeting at North Church, Berkeley. All women are invited.

March 29, Friday: Lunch and afternoon meeting with the women of New Pilgrim Church, Oakland.

March 30, Saturday: Visiting Migrant Work.

March 31, Sunday: Church School and morning worship at Oakland, Calvary.

March 31, Sunday evening: Evening Service at Broadmoor.

April 2, Tuesday: Meeting of women of San Joaquin Association at Fresno.

Twenty-five percent of the persons killed by automobiles in 1934 met death where one or both drivers had been drinking. "If you want to drink, DON'T DRIVE! If you want to drive, DON'T DRINK!" —E. Raymond Cato, Chief of California State Highway Patrol.

Officers for 1935

In the February Pacific there appeared a partial list of the officers of the Federation of Congregational Women. Below appears a list of additional officers, but the complete roster will appear in the Handbook and Directory a little later:

Prayer Guild Secretary, Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Berkeley.

- New Directors, Class of 1938:
  - Mrs. J. B. Orr, Oakland;
  - Mrs. Gail Cleland, Alameda;
  - Mrs. W. W. Furze, Piedmont;
  - Mrs. H. F. Swartz, Berkeley;
  - Mrs. Raymond Fuller, Stockton;
  - Mrs. W. F. Tidyman, Fresno.
- Committees:
  - Nominating: 1936, Mrs. J. H. McCartney, San Leandro.
  - 1937, Mrs. Chas. T. Tinker, San Francisco.
  - 1938, Mrs. T. E. Borden, Alameda.
  - Program: Mrs. E. V. Krick, San Francisco;
  - Mrs. W. W. Ferrier, Berkeley;
  - Mrs. James Hazlett, San Francisco;
  - Mrs. Clara Cooper, Burlingame.
  - Finance: Mrs. W. W. Furze, Piedmont;
  - Mrs. C. T. Tinker, San Francisco;
  - Mrs. T. E. Borden, Alameda.
  - Printing: Mrs. F. D. Norton, Berkeley;
  - Mrs. James Hazlett, San Francisco;
  - Mrs. James S. Cooper, Piedmont.
  - Social Relations: Mrs. J. M. Burk, Berkeley.
  - Hospitality: Mrs. E. V. Krick, San Francisco;
  - Miss Gertrude Barker, Berkeley;
  - Mrs. Robert C. Kirkwood, Palo Alto;
  - Mrs. William Rader, San Francisco.
  - Mrs. W. M. Meininger, San Francisco;
  - Mrs. Dennis Goodsell, Berkeley;
  - Miss Henrietta Brewer, Oakland;
  - Courtesy: Mrs. Ira J. Coe, Oakland;
  - Speakers' Bureau: Mrs. F. D. Norton, Berkeley.

If America turns pagan and shuts up its temples it will not be because some Red revolution drives the church out. The American Church, like the Russian Church, will have died long before any such revolution occurs. And it will have died from neglect, not because anyone willed it so. The moral is obvious. Unless we want our children to bury a dead corpse on the morrow, we ourselves need to render something more than lip service to a cause that is passing.—H. J. Loken.

DEMOLISH THE DEFICIT

We can do it! We are within striking distance of it! The closing of the Conference fiscal year without a deficit!

Not since 1930 has such a thing been possible. Last year the deficit was $1300, the year before it was $2500, and the year before that it was $5000.

It is now entirely possible to close our books on March 31st without a deficit. To do it we ask the help of our friends in these two ways:

1. **Remittance** of funds on hand by **church treasurers** to reach us not later than Monday morning, April 1st.

2. **Special "Demolish the Deficit" contributions by our loyal Congregational members.**

We have made no appeal for extra gifts since 1931. Now we ask something over and above your regular benevolence contributions. You may send it to the Conference office and your church will receive credit.

Use the form below! Do it now!

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Supt. Harley H. Gill, Date..
1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.

Here is my check for $.................................to "Demolish the Deficit."

Please credit to...name...

....Church address...